



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5786

February Session, 2008

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AN ACT CONCERNING LOW-INCOME HEATING ASSISTANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 16a-41a of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (d) [If funding allows, the Commissioner of Social Services, in
5 consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
6 Management, shall require that, each] Each community action agency
7 administering a fuel assistance program shall begin accepting
8 applications for the program not later than September first of each
9 year.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Social
11 Services shall develop a plan for providing funds for weatherization
12 projects for low-income households participating in the Connecticut
13 energy assistance program, prioritizing assistance to households with
14 incomes below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level and
15 coordinating provision of assistance to maximize effectiveness of the
16 funds with the weatherization assistance provided to low-income
17 households administered by the municipal electric utility and public
18 service utility companies in programs overseen by the Energy
19 Conservation Management Board pursuant to sections 16-245m, 16-32f
20 and 7-233y of the general statutes and the Fuel Oil Conservation Board

21 pursuant to section 16a-22l of the 2008 supplement to the general
 22 statutes. No later than August 1, 2008, and at least forty-five days
 23 before implementation, the department shall submit said plan for
 24 expenditure of these funds to the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board,
 25 the Fuel Oil Conservation Board and the Energy Conservation
 26 Management Board for input and advice. The Energy Conservation
 27 Management Board may order modification of the plan to ensure
 28 effective prioritization and coordination of weatherization assistance in
 29 accordance with this section.

30 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of five million seven hundred
 31 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,
 32 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for
 33 funds for weatherization projects for low-income households
 34 participating in the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant
 35 to section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	16a-41a(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 2 "electric utility" was inserted after "municipal" for statutory consistency.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*